

7. FUTURE REVISIONS TO PLAN

New information will become available that will affect the operations and management of the NSMWA. This section incorporates a hierarchy of revision procedures in which the level of process and required involvement is proportionate to the level of change that is proposed. This LMP reflects the best information available during the planning process, but it is understood that new information will become available over time and there will be the need to make adjustments to keep this LMP current. Such new information may include any of the following:

- Feedback generated by adaptive management
- New threats to species and habitat in the NSMWA
- New legislation or policy direction
- Scientific research that directs improved management techniques

When the new information dictates a change to this LMP, it is important that there is an appropriate process established. Unless a reasonable and clear revision process exists, this LMP, like plans in many organizations will become outdated and irrelevant.

7.1 MINOR REVISIONS

A process is required to accommodate minor revisions to this plan that may include the addition of new property to the NSMWA or the adoption of limited changes to the goals and tasks that are directed through adaptive management, by other scientific information or by legislative direction. This procedure will be applicable to revisions which meet the following criteria:

- No change is proposed to the overall purposes of this LMP.
- CEQA documentation (if required) is prepared and approved.
- Adjoining neighbors are consulted regarding the revision, if the revision is related to a specific location or the acquisition of additional area.
- Acquisition of new property to be included and managed in the NSMWA.

The minor revision may be prepared by the staff assigned to NSMWA or with other Department resources and requires approval by the Regional Manager.

7.2 MAJOR REVISIONS

Major revisions or a new LMP could occur if new policy direction requires a procedure comparable to the LMP planning process. The procedure for major revisions will meet the following criteria:

- Substantial revision is proposed to this LMP or the adoption of a complete new plan is proposed.
- Appropriate CEQA documentation is prepared and approved.
- Appropriate consultation within the Department occurs.
- Appropriate coordination and consultation with other agencies occurs.
- A public outreach program is conducted proportionate to the level of the proposed revision.

The major revision or new plan may be prepared utilizing available DFG resources. The major revision or new plan requires recommendation by the Regional Manager and approval by the Director of the DFG. If the appropriate procedure for a particular, proposed revision is not apparent, the determination of which of these procedures to use shall be made by the regional manager in consultation with the Department's Wildlife Branch/Lands Program.

7.3 FIVE-YEAR PLAN STATUS REPORTS

Periodic evaluation is important to help ensure that the goals of the LMP are being met. Chapter 5 (Management Goals) contains many specific tasks that include monitoring of the NSMWA and evaluation the adequacy of the management of the area. Cumulatively, these efforts will provide feedback regarding the success of the overall management effort. Periodic and detailed analysis of this feedback data will, however, be necessary to assess the status of this LMP. A comprehensive review of the achievement of the goals of the LMP should be prepared every five years following the date of adoption of this LMP. A status report documenting this review should include the following elements:

- Evaluation of the achievement of the purposes and goals of this LMP.
- Evaluation of the completion or annual completion, as appropriate, of each task contained in this LMP.
- Notation of important, new scientific information that has bearing on the management of the NSMWA.
- Recommendations for revisions to this LMP to incorporate new information and improve its effectiveness.

The status report should be prepared by the NSMWA Associate Wildlife Biologist. It should be submitted to the Department's Wildlife Branch/Lands Program for review and comment, approved by the Regional Manager and submitted to the Director of the Department. This report should serve as a basis for revision of this LMP and appropriate adjustments to ongoing management practices.